Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

April 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.8 percent between March 2008 and April 2008 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.8 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.7 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the April All-items Index increased from March 2008 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, housing (replacement) cost, mortgage interest cost and cablevision and satellite services (including pay television). Prices also rose for furniture, inter-city transportation and other owned accommodation expenses.

Moderating these increases were price decreases for women's clothing, passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repair, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for fresh or frozen chicken, personal care supplies and equipment and fresh vegetables.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.2 percent between April 2007 and April 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.7 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.6 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The April All-items Index increased from April 2007 primarily due to higher prices for housing (replacement) cost, gasoline, mortgage insurance cost and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also rose for other owned accommodation expenses, food purchased from restaurants and rent.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, natural gas and fresh fruit. Prices also decreased for fresh vegetables, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and women's clothing.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	115.4	114.5	0.8	3.2
Food	112.7	111.8	0.8	1.1
Shelter	133.3	132.4	0.7	11.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	102.3	101.7	0.6	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	96.1	97.5	-1.4	-1.4
Transportation	116.6	114.3	2.0	-0.3
Health and Personal Care	105.8	105.6	0.2	0.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.2	102.8	0.4	0.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	130.2	130.3	-0.1	4.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.6	112.1	0.4	2.7
Energy	141.7	136.7	3.7	7.0
CANADA				
All-Items	113.5	112.6	0.8	1.7
Food	113.5	112.6	0.8	1.2
Shelter	121.2	120.1	0.9	4.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.4	104.1	0.3	1.1
Clothing and Footwear	94.3	96.0	-1.8	-3.5
Transportation	120.1	117.8	2.0	1.3
Health and Personal Care	108.3	107.9	0.4	1.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.6	101.3	0.3	0.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	126.7	126.6	0.1	1.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	110.5	110.2	0.3	1.1
Energy	150.2	143.2	4.9	8.0
REGINA				
All-Items	114.4	113.6	0.7	2.6
SASKATOON				
All-Items	116.9	116.0	0.8	4.5

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008
Canada	0.8	1.7
Newfoundland	0.6	2.3
Prince Edward Island	0.8	2.6
Nova Scotia	0.9	2.7
New Brunswick	0.6	1.4
Quebec	0.6	1.6
Ontario	0.7	1.3
Manitoba	0.8	1.6
Saskatchewan	0.8	3.2
Alberta	1.3	3.2
British Columbia	0.9	1.7
Whitehorse	0.7	2.9
Yellowknife	1.4	4.1
Iqaluit	0.7	1.2

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008
St. John's	0.6	2.4
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.8	2.7
Halifax	0.8	2.6
Saint John	0.4	1.3
Quebec City	0.6	1.5
Montreal	0.6	1.5
Ottawa	0.7	0.9
Toronto	0.6	1.3
Thunder Bay	0.9	1.2
Winnipeg	0.8	1.6
Regina	0.7	2.6
Saskatoon	0.8	4.5
Edmonton	1.4	3.6
Calgary	1.0	3.1
Vancouver	0.8	1.9
Victoria	0.9	1.4
Whitehorse	0.7	2.9
Yellowknife	1.4	4.1
Iqaluit	0.7	1.2

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